MMW 121: Understanding the Pre-Modern World  
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Section B05 (4pm) and B06 (5pm)

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*What the past has to teach us is that we are on the surface of our own time and place and appealing to another time and place will not cancel our responsibility for the choices we make…the past belongs only to those who lived it and anything more than that is the presumption and cruelty of making the past into a pretext and weapon for our own choices: “The past…is a beautiful confusion, and it is beautiful precisely because it is confusion; when it stops confusing us, we can be sure that we have understood it into something dangerous.”*


**Section Objective:**  
The purpose of section is to improve your understanding of and engagement with the course content by giving you an opportunity to exercise critical thinking, writing, reading, studying, listening, and speaking skills in a small, supportive group led by a knowledgeable guide.

**Letter Grade Requirement:** You must take MMW courses for a letter grade. If you have selected Pass/No Pass as a grading option for MMW 121, you should immediately change your option to letter grade, or you will not fulfill the ERC General Education Requirement and will have to take MMW 121 again.

**Attendance, Participation, and Section Requirements:**  
Regular attendance and participation in section is mandatory. Students who miss 3 sections—excused or unexcused—will fail section. Students who miss 4 sections—excused or unexcused—will fail the course. Any absence can lower your grade, since you will not be participating.

You must arrive on time and be prepared to discuss and write about course material. Consistent tardiness will lower your participation grade.

You are REQUIRED to bring all relevant material (including readings, homework assignments, and lecture notes) to the section each week. We will be working with this material hands-on in the classroom.

**Grading:**  
Section counts for 10% of the overall class grade. Attendance and participation will count for 60% of the section grade and in-class work, homework, and/or quizzes will count for 40% of the section grade. Make sure that you come to class!
Writing Assignments and Late Policy:
All papers must be turned in directly as a hard copy to me. In addition, you must turn in an electronic copy uploaded to www.turnitin.com. Papers left in my mailbox or the MMW office will not be graded. You will lose one-third of a letter grade for each day a paper is late (including weekends). If you are unable to attend section the day the paper is due, you must make other arrangements to submit your work. In addition to taking the mid-term and final exams and attending section regularly, you must submit ALL writing assignments (both as a hard copy to me and to turnitin.com) in order to pass the course.

Classroom Environment:
In the classroom, students must take responsibility for fostering a respectful and comfortable environment for all students, professors, and teaching assistants. This means listening to the ideas of others, not interrupting, responding thoughtfully, and encouraging others to contribute. Furthermore, as a member of the University of California, San Diego community, a community of higher learning, you must recognize the importance of evidence-based debate and discussion in producing knowledge. Together, we are trying to come to a better understanding of the human world based on evidence, and although differences of interpretation are always part of debate and discussion, it is unacceptable for students to dismiss, harass, ridicule, deride, or otherwise intimidate others. Students who engage in this behavior will be removed from class.

Other general rules:
• No cell phone use – using your phone will be interpreted as not participating in section, which may impact your grade.
• Laptops and tablets are allowed, but using your laptop or tablet for non-class purposes will be interpreted as not participating in section, which may impact your grade.
• NO FOOD in class; Drinks are allowed only in containers with a locked top.

Communicating with Me/Office Hours/Email:
I would encourage all students to come talk to me about any questions you may have about the course, course content, or your own performance in class. I am here to help you succeed in MMW 121 in any way that I can. Please consider stopping by my office hours during the times listed above. If you have a conflict that does not allow you to meet during that time, please come talk to me after section or after lecture to set up a time that works for us both.

It is okay to email me, but I cannot guarantee a response in less than 24 hours. So, plan ahead and do not expect last minute answers to last minute questions!

Course Resources:
Course Website:
MMW121 Homepage: http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu/mmw/courses/mmw121.html
UCSD Writing Center: http://writingcenter.ucsd.edu/
The Cornell Note-taking System (in case you need help with note-taking):
http://lsc.sas.cornell.edu/Sidebars/Study_Skills_Resources/cornellsystem.pdf
Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS):
College life can be stressful, and it is normal to feel overwhelmed at times. UCSD has a staff of professionals that are available for confidential meetings to discuss any personal concerns you might have. Feel free to contact CAPS at anytime to set up an appointment: http://psychservices.ucsd.edu/#students

Academic Integrity: You are responsible for the honesty and integrity of your academic work at UCSD. The University has a strict policy prohibiting cheating of any kind. If you are suspected of cheating, you will be required to meet with an academic coordinator, who will them discuss your case with the professor. If the professor charges you with misconduct, the professor will determine the penalty for your grade in the course, which can range from deductions to failing the paper, section, or the course. Then you will have to meet with the Dean of Student Affairs, who will determine additional penalties, which can range from failing the course and taking an academic integrity seminar to suspension to expulsion.

Throughout this process, a hold will be put on your grade. Even a first offense can result in a quarter's suspension, and the standard sanction for a second offense is suspension or permanent dismissal from the university. Any instance of academic misconduct can be recorded in a student's file. Such a record might interfere with a student's acceptance into law, medical, or graduate school, or might make that student ineligible for positions requiring a security clearance, such as a government internship.

In brief, the University’s Policy on Integrity of Scholarship states that students are expected to complete the course in compliance with the instructor’s standards. No student shall engage in any activity that involves attempting to receive a grade by means other than honest effort; for example:

1. No student shall knowingly procure, provide, or accept any unauthorized material that contains questions, or answers to any examination or assignment to be given at a subsequent time.
2. No student shall complete, in part or in total, any examination nor assignment for another person.
3. No student shall knowingly allow any examination or assignment to be completed, in part or in total, for himself or herself by another person.
4. No student shall plagiarize or copy the work of another person and submit it as his or her own work.
5. No student shall employ aids excluded by the instructor in undertaking course work or in completing any exam or assignment.
6. No student shall alter graded class assignments or examinations and then resubmit them for regrading.
7. No student shall submit substantially the same material in more than one course without prior authorization.

Please read the full Policy: http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-integrity/policy.html. If you have any questions, ask me.